IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the two consecutive paragraphs beginning at page 6 line 27 with the following rewritten paragraphs:

--As shown in FIGS. 3 and 4, the tilting support device in accordance with the present invention further includes a damping device 80 for damping the rotational movement between the sleeves 62 and the shafts 71 respectively. The sleeves 62 each includes a stop, such as a cross-shaped stop 821 formed therein and extended inward of the orifice 620 of the sleeve 62. The shafts 71 each includes a bore 73 formed therein for receiving a fluid, such as the damping fluid 623 or the water or the oil therein, and each includes one or more apertures 832 formed therein for communicating the longitudinal recesses 831 of the shaft 71 with the bore 73 of the shaft 71, and each includes an annular groove 833 formed therein and located close to the seat 70. The shafts 71 each includes a sealing ring 85 engaged in the annular groove 833 thereof and engaged with the respective sleeve 62 for making a water tight seal between the sleeve 62 and the shaft 71.

The damping device 80 each includes a rod 84 engaged in the bore 73 of the shaft 71 and each includes an enlarged head 840 formed on one end of the rod 84 and each includes a depression 842, such as a cross-shaped depression 842 formed in the head 840 of the rod 84 for receiving the stop 821 and for preventing the rod 84 from rotating relative to the sleeve 62. The head 840 of the rod 84 is engaged between the sleeve 62 and the shaft 71. The rods 84 each includes one or more cavities, such as one or more longitudinal cavities 841 formed in the outer peripheral portion thereof for receiving the damping fluid 623. The damping fluid 623 may flow between the cavities 841 of the rod 84 and the recesses 831 of the shat 71 via the apertures 832 of the shaft 71, for damping the rotational movement of the sleeve 62 relative to the shaft 71.--